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## WOUNDED MAN ACCUSES TWO OF SHOOTING

DeGerlo, Now Dying in Hospital, Makes Statement of Attack Upon Him

### TWO MEN NOW BEING HELD

John DeGerlo, aged 23 a miner employed at the Hazelkirk Mine No. 2 of the Pittsburgh-Westmoreland Coal company at VanVoorhis today is in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela as the result of a shooting affair at the mining settlement. He was wounded once in the back and once in the wrist and little hope is held for his recovery.

In a statement made at the hospital he accused John Rebish and "Pete" of the attack upon him. Pete Ballybone, believed to be the "Pete" meant by De Gerlo, is also in the hospital with a bullet wound in his left shoulder. Ballybone is aged about 38. Both he and DeGerlo are foreigners and unmarried.

Ballybone also made a statement upon his arrival at the hospital, blaming Rebish. De Gerlo is his best friend, he says. Wednesday while he was in front of his boarding house he asserts De Gerlo approached flourishing a gun. De Gerlo pointed the weapon at him and fired and then turned it on himself. Ballybone claims that De Gerlo mistook him for Rebish with whom he had quarreled before and that he tried to commit suicide when he found out his mistake and discovered he had wounded a friend.

Officers point out however, that one of De Gerlo's wounds was inflicted from behind and could not have been self-inflicted. They will hold Ballybone and Rebish who has been arrested. They have learned from several sources that De Gerlo and Rebish were on bad terms.

Shortly after the affair another foreigner, employed as a blacksmith at the Hazelkirk mine, found the gun which had evidently been used in the fight and turned it over to the authorities. He himself was placed under arrest, as possibly knowing something of the scrape.

A wreck on the railroad caused a car shortage at the Hazelkirk mine Wednesday and operations were suspended. As a result there were many drinking bouts, out of one of which grew the probably fatal quarrel in which De Gerlo, Ballybone and Rebish were concerned.

### FREE METHODIST SOCIETY WILL HOLD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The Free Methodist society of Charleroi will hold their first quarterly meeting this conference year, November 18 to 19. Rev. R. A. Zahniser, the new elder will preach Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. M. B. Davis at 7:30. The Sunday services will be held in the Odd Fellows hall in the Bank of Charleroi building. The morning service will be at 10 o'clock and the evening service at 7 o'clock. Rev. R. A. Zahniser is brother to Rev. A. D. Zahniser who preached at "The Pines" three years ago. He is fluent and effective speaker.

## Alleged Bank Thief Appeals To Judgment

Notice of an appeal to the supreme court has been received by District Attorney Isaac W. Baum in the case of the commonwealth against Thomas H. Talbot now serving a term in the penitentiary for his alleged participation of the robbery of the First National Bank of Houston.

A certiorari in appeal has been filed with the clerk of courts directing that the papers in the case be forwarded to the prothonotary of the supreme court. The case will come up for argument at Philadelphia on December 4 at which time District Attorney Isaac W. Baum will appear for the commonwealth. The defendant is represented by Simon Patterson of the Allegheny county bar.

Talbot was sentenced on June 1 last to eight or 10 years in the penitentiary. The First National Bank at Houston was entered about noon on Thursday, April 16, 1916 and over \$16,000 taken. Talbot was arrested several days later.

James Dillon a fugitive from the Colorado penitentiary and who had been residing in the Houston section, was later arrested in Montreal, Canada, as an accomplice of Talbot. He was brought back to this county, but subsequently turned over to the Colorado officials.

The commonwealth officials are sanguine there is nothing in the records of the Talbot case that would warrant a reversal or setting aside of the lower court's judgment.

## THANKSGIVING FUNDS FOR POOR

Union Services Arranged to be Held at Christ Lutheran Church

### THREE PASTORS TO SPEAK

The annual collection for uses of the Associated Board of Charities will be taken at the union Thanksgiving service to be held Thanksgiving evening in Christ Lutheran church, for which plans are now being made. The service will be conducted by Rev. W. G. Carl, pastor of the First Baptist church, under an arrangement perfected by the Ministerial association and features will include three ten minute addresses by local pastors and a report of the charity work in the borough.

Speakers and their topics will be: Rev. C. A. Hartung, "The President's Proclamation and History of the Day;" Rev. E. N. Duty, "The Grace of Gratitude;" Rev. John R. Burson, "Recounting Some of Our Mercies."

Prof. I. T. Daniel, music supervisor in the schools will have charge of the music and the choir will be made up of representatives from different churches.

Dies in Beallsville.  
Mrs. Alonzo W. Nickeson, a well known woman of Beallsville, died at her home there at 12 o'clock Wednesday night. The funeral will be held at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

## GAS SHORTAGE IN MONONGAHELA VALLEY CAUSES MILLS TO CLOSE

Departments of Macbeth-Evans Plant and of Donora and Monessen Steel Plants Are Compelled to Temporarily Suspend

### NEW SYSTEMS BEING INSTALLED AT TWO BIG PLANTS

The Charleroi plant of the Macbeth-Evans Glass Company, the steel mills at Donora and Monessen and practically all other industries along the Monongahela valley using gas to a large extent, were forced by reason of a sudden gas shortage Wednesday afternoon to partly suspend operations. The tank department of the Macbeth-Evans company was forced to close down completely. It will remain suspended probably until warmer weather, when the curtailment of domestic consumption will be lessened, and more gas made available for industries.

At Monessen practically all the mills were forced to close down some departments. The Donora Steel mill was similarly affected, operating today at 75 per cent only. The Macbeth-Evans company and the Donora mills are supplied by the Philadelphia Company. No previous notice was given, the gas supply being shut off at the same time that announcement of the shortage was posted. Former word had given plant managers the optimistic assurance that they need expect no gas trouble until later in the year at least. The sudden cold wave caught the gas companies napping.

At the Macbeth-Evans Glass company work is now under way on the installation of an oil producing system. Material is difficult to procure, and the completion of the system has been delayed. It will probably be two or three weeks before it can be put into use. The feature of this new system will be that it can be used separately or conjunctively with gas.

At the Donora Steel mill a powdered coal system is being installed. Like the work at the Macbeth-Evans plant it has been delayed. The mill was in poor shape to meet the condition forced upon it by the gas shortage.

## MEIKLE-SIPLE WEDDING IS WEDNESDAY EVENT

The wedding of Miss Alma P. Siple and John Meikle was solemnized Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Whitlatch on Fallowfield avenue. Dr. A. J. Meek of New Kensington, former pastor of the church in New Kensington of which the bride was formerly a member performed the ceremony, being assisted by Rev. W. G. Carl, pastor of the First Baptist church here. The guest list consisted only of the immediate relatives of the couple. A sumptuous wedding dinner followed. Today the couple left for Ohio. They will take up their abode in Charleroi upon their return.

## MUST PAY FOR ROPE AND PAY THE COSTS OF PROSECUTION

Jacob Zeidman a junk dealer of Charleroi who was found guilty Wednesday of receiving stolen goods was directed to pay the costs of the rope alleged stolen, received by him and testified to be worth \$75 and to pay the costs of prosecution. He was given until next Monday to provide for the payment of this \$75 and the costs.

Notice.  
Service Pure Food Products can be secured from the following merchants:

Woodward & Parks, Lock No. 4.  
H. H. Duvall  
P. Pardini.  
Watch this list grow. 130-11

## DICK D'SANDERS VS FRANKIE M'GUIRE, IN THE MAIN BOUT AT THE RINK MONDAY NIGHT

## Crossing May Claim A Victim

Deadly Oak Grove crossing, Washington, on the Pennsylvania railroad nearly claimed another victim Wednesday a shifting engine crashed in its toll of death.

A few minutes after 5 o'clock Wednesday a shifting engine crashed into and completely wrecked an automobile delivery truck of the Paul Grocery company driven by Albert Perry, aged 22 years, son of Albert Perry, Washington.

Perry is at his home in a rather critical condition. Whether or not he was injured internally is not known. Up to a late hour Perry had been vomiting, indicating that his stomach had been hurt. He was, also, cut about the head and bruised about one hip.

How Perry escaped being instantly killed seems unexplainable. The truck had a covered body. When hit by the train, it was directly on the track. The mass of wreckage indicates that the automobile was struck fairly in the middle as the car was cut fairly in two. The body of the machine was torn apart just in the rear of the seat occupied by Perry. Apparently Perry was thrown clear of the machine.

## THREE TOWNS TO CONSTRUCT PLANT

Disposal Plant Suggested by State Department for the Brownsvilles

### PLANS ORIGINALLY PREPARED

Brownsville, West Brownsville and South Brownsville boroughs may combine in the construction of a joint sewage disposal plant, according to the suggestion of the state health department through a representative who recently visited in the three towns. The site tentatively selected as a good one for such a plant is that of Lilley's Bottom.

The financial condition of the boroughs is such that none of them can at the present time undertake the work alone. The state insists that the plans be filed and the matter of construction taken up later. Brownsville town council had considerable data prepared and plans drafted four years ago at a cost of \$260.

### FALLS DEAD HOLDING FENCE POST TO BE SET

Liggett Henry, well known throughout the Finleyville vicinity, dropped dead suddenly Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock while holding a post for a post digger near his home at Library. Mr. Henry, who was a paperhanger by trade and formerly resided in the Kammerer section. He was in his 68th year. Heart trouble was the cause of his death. He had been in his usual health and was walking across fields to his home when stricken. He had stopped for a few minutes to help a man setting posts for a new fence. The body was removed to the Henry home from where the funeral will be held Friday. Complete arrangements have not been made.

## GEORGE RYLANDS DIES SUDDENLY FROM OPERATION

Prominent Hotel Man is Quickly Summoned--Conducted Wellington

### FUNERAL TO BE SATURDAY

George F. Rylands, Sr., aged 54 years, prominent as a hotel and business man of Charleroi, died suddenly following an operation at the West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh, Wednesday night at 10:35 o'clock. He was taken to the hospital only Wednesday morning and the operation performed that afternoon to remove gall stones. He failed to respond and his death was occasioned by shock.

Mr. Rylands was born in Alloa, Clockmanshire, Scotland, being the son of John and Rosanna Rylands. When he was eight years old the family came to the United States, locating in the Pittsburgh district.

All of Mr. Rylands' active business life until he came to Charleroi he spent as an undertaker, for which he was educated in a Chicago school. He followed this profession in Chicago and in the Homewood district, Pittsburgh.

Between 13 and 14 years ago Mr. Rylands purchased the Wellington hotel property on McKean avenue and Sixth street from George Crouch then proprietor and entered upon the conduct of this hostelry. During his years in Charleroi he ranked as one of the best hotel men not only of this borough, but of the entire valley. His business ability was marked. In addition to his hotel interest he possessed coal interests in Ohio. He was actively interested in charitable work.

Mr. Rylands was married 27 years ago, his bride being Miss Mary O'Malley of Scottdale. With his widow, two sons, George F., Jr., aged 13 years and Robert D., aged 11 years, survive. Also he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Frank Snyder of Sharpsburg and three brothers, John Rylands of Chicago, Thomas Rylands of Sharpsburg and Joseph Rylands of Swissvale.

Mr. Rylands was a member of Charleroi lodge No. 494 B. P. O. Elks and of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He held membership in St. Jerome's Catholic church.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning from his residence in the Hotel Wellington. At 9 o'clock there will be requiem high mass at St. Jerome's church and the body will be taken by train to Pittsburgh for interment in the family lot in St. Mary's cemetery. The body was brought home from Pittsburgh today at noon and taken to his hotel where it now reposes.

### DR. RISK MAKES HIS FIRST APPEARANCE

Dr. J. B. Risk, the newly appointed district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church, Washington district, preached at the First Methodist Episcopal church here Wednesday evening. After the conclusion of this service he conducted the first quarterly conference of the church.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Bush, Cashier

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by B. M. Bower	By Owen Johnson
When a Man's a Man .....\$1.35	The Girl Philippa .....\$1.40
by Harold Bell Wright	By Robt. W. Chambers
The Wall Street Girl .....\$1.35	Georgina of the Rainbows ..\$1.35
by Frederick Bartlett	By Annie F. Johnson

## MIGHT'S BOOK STORE

### HALL MARK STORE



Were you born in the winter month of November? If you were you should have some piece of jewelry with your birthstone--TOPAZ--set in it. Here you will find a wide assortment of

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Manufacturing Jeweler

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## MORE INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Last summer we were gravely in-  
formed by doctors that the widely ad-  
vertised and generally feared infantile  
paralysis was entirely a summer  
disease. Today is noted a report of  
two cases at Monessen which have  
developed within the last few days.  
Fortunately doctors are still as much  
mixed as ever.

Statistics are not immediately  
available, but from memory it oc-  
curs that the majority of afflicted  
ones last summer were foreign peo-  
ple. Just what this proves will be  
left for the scientists to determine.  
Possibly the Pennsylvania state  
health department is not far wrong  
in its conclusion that cleanliness had  
a lot to do with it. Some foreign  
people in our land suffer from want  
of it anyway.

There is a firm belief that over-  
zealous doctors made many mistakes  
in their diagnosis of infantile paral-  
ysis during the season. It would be  
queer if they hadn't, since the medi-  
cal profession was vastly more ex-  
cited over the disease, its effect and  
quarantines than the sufferers them-  
selves were.

Probably the quarantine had a  
wholesome effect wherever it was  
tried. Nobody really knows of  
course how many lives it saved, if  
any, or how much disease it prevent-  
ed, if any. It compelled strict at-  
tention of parents to their children's  
health, a good thing, and directed the  
minds of the world's best doctors to  
its remedy, to say nothing of the cam-  
paign for cleanliness it enforced.

Possibly, like a great many other  
diseases, this won't be such a hard one  
to combat once we find out something  
about it. Last summer's epidemic  
may be the beginning of the end for it  
brought action.

## WRAPPING PAPER SHORTAGE

The paper shortage has struck  
home. Wrapping paper no longer is  
obtainable either in the quantity or  
quality that it has been, lo, these  
many years and we face a certain re-  
turn to the old fashioned basket  
with which to do our marketing.

If we had been a little more econom-  
ical or if the makers had used a  
little more discretion in distributing  
their supply, if we hadn't followed  
the truly American tendency to con-  
sider the reserve inexhaustible, there  
would now be no paper shortage. Lack  
of conservation however was our  
crime and now we must pay dearly  
for it. We need to take a few les-  
sons from the Germans.

There is hope of an adjustment just  
as soon as we are taught a few les-  
sons of economy by the stern rules of  
necessity. News print users have  
blazed the way. They have cut down  
their supply to the lowest minimum  
by numerous economies that before  
one would have thought impossible.  
The lessening of the demand has  
given paper manufacturers a chance  
to slightly recover themselves, though  
they are still so far behind that their  
task seems hopeless. The same spir-  
it of economy in the wrapping paper  
difficulty—by the way the unusual  
demand for wrapping paper we are  
told was one of the chief causes of  
all the trouble—will go far toward  
relieving a serious situation con-  
trol may be impossible while the  
war lasts, unless another method of  
manufacture is discovered, but there  
is at least hope for relief.

## WHAT OTHERS THINK

### WATCH YOUR HEALTH.

This is the season of the year when  
grip and sickness is lurking at every  
turn.

It is the easiest thing in the world  
to get sick one knows how.

Probably the most valuable aid to  
health is to get out during the fall and win-  
ter months and breathe fresh air and lots of  
it.

That the cool nights have  
caused people pull down windows  
of their bedrooms with the avowed  
thought of keeping out the "cold."  
This is the biggest piece of silly rot  
that an intelligent person could  
think of.

Fresh air in a bedroom never did  
any one any great amount of harm.

## 'GINGLES' JINGLES

### HARRY HOOSIT.

A thrifty guy we're told is Harry  
Hoosit, not a fit by him for useless  
stuff is blown; he has money by the  
bale, loads and tons of kale, but a half  
a million now he'll unload. We  
were much surprised to see in type  
the headline, just a half a million  
beans will Harry blow, he is going to  
take a trip, take a chance on some old  
snip—old is right, for Harry likes the  
cheap and slow. But we sure did stop  
and look and then listen, as we read  
the headline over a second time, for  
five hundred thousand beans to a guy  
like Harry means much, so much his  
love for it would be sublime. But at  
last the light was thrown upon the  
subject, as we read we found the way  
he copied the gift, that is money he'd  
shake down as an actor and a clown,  
but from out his jeans this life he'd  
never lift. This is what he'd earn  
advancing and amusing, what he'd pull  
should he decline to take the trip, but  
he's out his little pile, hands it  
over with a smile in his mind  
we ters half a mil-  
lion slip.

But it has saved lots of lives. This  
is one of the best things that should  
be demanded now that the cold weath-  
er's coming. Sleep with the win-  
dows open. Don't be afraid to find  
frost on the tip of your nose when  
you awake in the morning.

Living rooms, work rooms and offi-  
ces should be ventilated. The great-  
est ally of grip is the stuffy, over-  
heated room. People naturally take  
cold when they leave rooms of this  
character.

Aim to have your rooms well ven-  
tilated. This is a splendid insurance  
policy against an attack of grip. It  
costs only a little effort.

Following a few simple rules of  
health will save doctor bills and  
much suffering.

Try it!—Tarentum Valley News.

## PICKED UP IN PASSING

To illustrate the uses of adver-  
tisements," says a well known thea-  
trical manager, "there is one expe-  
rience I had of which I often think."

"I was driving when I came to a  
farm where there was a meadow to  
let. The owner of this farm would  
have made a good advertisement man-  
ager, for the big poster announcing  
that the meadow was to let was  
worded as follows:

"This field to let, seventeen acres,  
for grazing. Persons having old  
cattle or cattle with strong appeti-  
tes had better be cautious in turn-  
ing them out to graze here, as my  
grass is so rich that it would be li-  
able to injure them for the first  
week or so."

The woolly-headed Uncle Rasmus  
was accused of disturbing the peace.  
Officer Mort Rudolph explained it as  
follows:

"Your honor, this man was running  
up and down the Mill River road,  
waiving his arms and yelling at the  
top of his voice, and otherwise rais-  
ing mischief, at half-past one in the  
morning. The people of the district  
complained and they had a perfect  
right to."

The judge frowned at Rasmus,  
who didn't seem to be particularly  
worried.

"What do you mean by such unbecom-  
ing conduct?" his honor demanded.

"Religion, judge," was the re-  
sponse.

"Religion! Are you a Holy Roller  
or something like that? I have reli-  
gion, Rasmus, but I don't get up at  
midnight and tell everybody about it."

"Dat's jes' de difference, judge. I  
ain't ashamed of mine."

## ELECTRIC SPARKS

Conduct is unbecoming when it  
doesn't meet with the other fellow's  
approbation.

One nice thing about the temperate  
zone is that if you don't like the  
weather you can still feel satisfied  
that it will be subject to sudden and  
unannounced changes.

Yes; When the River Comes Up.  
This advertisement appears in the  
Monongahela, Pa., Republican: "For  
Rent—A furnished room. Privilege  
of bath in Main street. The streets  
of Monongahela must be like those of  
Verice—Albany, N. Y. Argus.

This advertisement appeared in an  
Ottumwa (Iowa) paper: For Sale—  
One large, red-cow, three-eighths  
male and five-eighths wildcat. Any  
person wishing to buy her will throw  
in 50 feet of two-inch rope and an  
axe. Would like to sell her to  
some man who thinks he could whip  
Mexico single-handed. Address Log-  
an Nickert.

## OUR BELT OF ATMOSPHERE

In Thickness It Is to the Earth as the  
Skin Is to the Apple.

In a contribution to the year book  
of the Department of Agriculture Ros-  
coe Nunn of the United States weather  
bureau compares the thickness of the  
atmospheric envelope that surrounds  
the earth with the diameter of the  
earth itself.

The extreme limit of the earth's at-  
mosphere above the surface of the  
earth is estimated to be 100 miles. The  
earth's diameter is only 7,926 miles.  
But the density of the atmos-  
phere decreases rapidly as altitude in-  
creases, so that three quarters of the  
mass of the atmosphere lies below the  
100 mile limit.

Take the round earth for but a thin  
coating of air, it is only about one  
fortieth as thick as the diameter of the  
earth, or if we consider only its really  
appreciable portion, which is about for-  
ty miles above the earth, only one two-  
hundredth as thick as the diameter of  
the earth. It is therefore a mere  
coating, not thicker, relatively speak-  
ing, than the skin on an apple or of  
ordinary size. When we consider the  
fact that storms operate only in that  
part of the atmosphere which lies  
within about 20 miles of the earth,  
and chiefly within three miles, it is  
truly wonderful what mighty forces  
they generate and what vast energy  
they expend within that thin film of  
gas.

A storm condition may cover one-  
third of the United States. The dis-  
turbance may be 1,000 to 1,500 miles  
in diameter, but less than seven miles  
thick. In other words, the body of  
air in which those tremendous forces  
work is of about the same proportions  
as a postcard.

## NO ARCTIC WARRIORS.

As Hunters the Natives Are Wonders,  
but Cannot Make Soldiers.

Battle history hails at the arctic cir-  
cle. Beyond that human life is so dif-  
ficult to sustain that its wilful waste  
is unthinkable. Nations with a foot-  
hold in the icy north recruit no armies  
in that frigid zone. Indeed, the men  
are of such meager stature and intel-  
lect that a military training is next to  
impossible.

The real natives of the arctic can  
endure hunger and fatigue, can march  
in their own fashion through bur-  
ricane and blizzard, but their value is  
rather to the explorer of the inhospita-  
ble north than to the soldier. As  
hunters they are wonderfully clever,  
yet they are curiously formal in ad-  
ministering the coup de grace.

They will apologize to the *sees*  
white bear which they have cornered  
before advancing to a close attack  
with bone tipped arrows and spears, a  
duel in which the odds seem decisively  
in the bear's favor.

The Lapps and Samoyeds of Arctic  
Russia, like the Eskimos of North  
America and Greenland, are so often  
compelled in times of dearth and  
famine to sacrifice their aged weak-  
lings that this form of death has be-  
come a vague religious and social prin-  
ciple with them.

## Nature's Rifle Bullets.

What man has learned by dint of  
thought and experiment some of the  
lower animals appear to know through  
instinct. An instance is furnished by  
what is called the "spiral swimming"  
of certain organisms, such as the  
spherical shaped volvox and several  
elongated infusorians. As these re-  
volve about the axis of progression in  
the manner of a projectile fired from  
a rifled gun the consequence is that  
they are able to travel in a straight  
line, as they could not do otherwise  
the revolution compensating with ab-  
solute precision for any tendency to  
deviate from a straight course. With  
out such a device many of these  
minute creatures would simply de-  
scribe circles, making no forward prog-  
ress.

## Creation of a Knight.

The ceremonies at the creation of a  
knight have been varied. The primi-  
tive had a box on the ear and a stroke  
with a sword on the shoulder. John of  
Salisbury tells us the first knight  
knocked his way in the armor of the  
ancient Romans. By this it was that  
William the Conqueror conferred the  
honor of knighthood on his son Henry.  
It was afterward changed into a blow  
with the flat of the sword on the shoul-  
der of the knight.

## Appreciation.

"How was the concert last night?"  
asked the low browed person.

"Splendid," replied the lover of  
music. "Signor Spodelli actually made  
his violin talk."

"It's remarkable what some of those  
fellows can do with a fiddle. I heard  
a chap in vaudeville once who could  
imitate the howling of a dog to perfec-  
tion."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## Losing Ground.

"My wife is in a fix about her garden  
party."

"What's wrong?"

"Declinations are coming in about as  
fast as she can send invitations out."  
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Making Progress.

"Has he asked for your daughter's  
hand?"

"No, but I have hopes. He has taken  
to ordering the servants about."—Life.

## A sunny temper glids the edges of life's blackest cloud.—Guthrie.

## SCOTS AS FIGHTERS.

### They Won Fame in Former Days Under Many Different Flags.

It would be difficult to find an army  
in Europe which did not contain de-  
scendants of the Scottish soldier of  
fortune. In Sweden Gustavus Adol-  
phus had four lieutenant generals,  
twenty-two colonels and many other  
inferior officers, all Scotsmen, in his  
service. He owned that his conquests  
in Germany were due to the valor of  
these gallant soldiers.

In Muscovy the Bruces, the Gordons  
and the Douglasses were famous.

Even in Germany the ubiquitous Scot  
was to be found, and a General Ogilvy,  
whose grandfather was a Scotsman,  
was at one time field marshal of the  
empire.

It was in France, however, that the  
Scot was rated most highly, and the  
old saying ran, "Fidèle comme un Es-  
cosais." Louis had such a respect for  
these soldiers that he ordained that  
his body should be guarded night and  
day by twenty-four Scotsmen. This  
Scots bodyguard was continued under  
the reign of nine kings without inter-  
mission for 150 years.

King Charles VII. raised another com-  
pany of Scots, called "Gens d'Armes  
à Escosse," consisting of 100 horses  
and 200 archers. This force had pre-  
cedence of all the French troops.—  
London Chronicle.

## HEADS OF ODD SHAPE.

The Kilon, Lafion and Maqbon as De-  
scribed in the Talmud.

It is a matter familiar to every stu-  
dent of the Bible that the Hebrew  
priests were required to be physically  
as well as morally perfect—without a  
bodily defect or blemish—in order to be  
eligible to service in the temple. The  
Talmud, in the tractate Bechoroth,  
enumerates several defects which dis-  
qualify a priest from ministering in his  
holy office. Among these are the Kilon,  
the Lafion and the Maqbon.

The condition of Kilon is ascribed as  
a person having a peculiarly shaped  
head, which is pointed at the top and  
broad at the bottom. The Lafion was a  
man with a head shaped exactly the  
opposite of the preceding. To use the  
expression of the Talmud, he had a  
head very broad at the top and narrow  
at the bottom, like a lefe-s-i, e., a  
pumpkin.

The expression Maqbon, derived from  
the word hammer, refers to a hammer  
shaped head or, as the Talmud de-  
scribes it, one with a prominent and  
projecting forehead and occiput.

The terse descriptions of the Kilon  
head and Lafion head given by the  
Talmud could not be improved on by  
any modern textbook in medicine.

## Osman Pasha's Daring.

One of the most gallant generals that  
ever surrendered to the enemy was  
Osman Pasha, the immortal defender  
of Plevna. Surrounded by an immeas-  
urably superior army of Russia, Os-  
man kept his flag flying for 142 days,  
inflicting a loss of 40,000 men on the  
enemy and losing 30,000 of his own gar-  
rison. It was only when both pro-  
visions and ammunition failed that he  
decided on that desperate attempt to  
cut his way through the investing  
army. The attempt, one of the most  
daring and resolute in history, failed,  
and Osman was at last compelled to  
admit defeat. So impressed, however,  
were the enemy with his valor that as  
he was carried wounded through their  
ranks they greeted him as a conqueror  
with cheers and presented arms.

## Two Days in One.

Chatham island, lying off the coast  
of New Zealand, in the south Pacific  
ocean, is peculiarly situated, as it is  
one of the few habitable points of the  
globe where the day of the week  
changes. It is just on the line of the  
demarcation between dates. There at  
12 noon on Sunday-Sunday ceases and  
instantly Monday meridian begins.  
Sunday comes into a man's house on  
the east side and becomes Monday by  
the time it passes out of the western  
door. A man sits down to his noonday  
dinner on Sunday, and it is Monday  
noon before he finishes it—London  
Globe.

## Painting Overhead.

When it is necessary to paint a win-  
dow or any object overhead the paint  
or liquid usually runs off the handle  
of the brush and then over the work-  
er's hands. If you will take two pieces  
of tin soldered at the ends, says C. H.  
Thomas in the Popular Science Month-  
ly and tack them on either side of the  
brush below the bristles, you will have  
a little cup which catches this over-  
flow paint. Each time the brush is  
dipped into the paint can the shield is  
automatically emptied.

## Sure.

Mrs. Smiley—Here we've been mar-  
ried ten years, and my husband still  
says I'm an angel. Her Friend—But  
does he really mean it, my dear? Mrs.  
S.—Perhaps not. But don't you think  
I'm lucky to have a husband who pre-  
tends to mean it?—Pittsburgh Chroni-  
cle-Telegraph.

## Architecture.

A distinguished philosopher spoke of  
architecture as frozen music, and his  
assertion caused many to shake their  
heads. We believe this really beauti-  
ful idea could not be better reinforc-  
ed than by calling architecture si-  
lent music.—Goethe.

## His Choice.

"A bad beginning means a good end-  
ing."

"That may be, but if I can have my  
choice I'll take the fine start every  
time."—Detroit Free Press.

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Results of Life in Darkness.

A scientist kept goldfishes in a  
roomy tank and with plenty of food,  
but in absolute darkness. He kept it  
up for over three years and then ob-  
served the modifications that had oc-  
curred in the fish. The color first be-  
came black, but after the second year  
it became golden again, and the reason  
for this is interesting. In the first in-  
stance the dark pigment cells spread  
out and covered up the subjacent layer  
of crystals which gives the goldfish its  
golden sheen. In the second instance  
the phagocytes devoured the dark pig-  
ment cells and thus re-exposed the  
golden layer. The changes in the eye  
were even more interesting. The structure  
of the eye was completely  
altered. The fish became totally blind.  
The experiment suggests that an in-  
dividual fish imprisoned in a perfectly  
dark cave would become blind. But  
it does not throw any direct light on  
the origin of a blind race of fishes in  
caves.

Masked Balls.

Henry VIII. introduced the bal masque  
into England. As this form of amuse-  
ment gradually spread the people be-  
gan to hire balls and charge admis-  
sion fees, and the routs of the court  
were initiated by the orgies of the  
mob.

Doc's Doubt's Stomach.

The bee has two distinct stomachs.  
In the first it stores away the honey it  
so industriously gathers up from the  
flowers until such time as it is ready  
to yield it up to the other stomach.  
This is the stomach in which the honey  
is kept until it is needed. When the bee  
returns to the hive and is ready to de-  
posit the honey it has gathered it con-  
tracts the muscles of the stomach, by  
which the honey is ejected through the  
mouth. As to bee food, it is vari-  
ous in kind, consisting largely of the  
honey it so patiently gathers for others.

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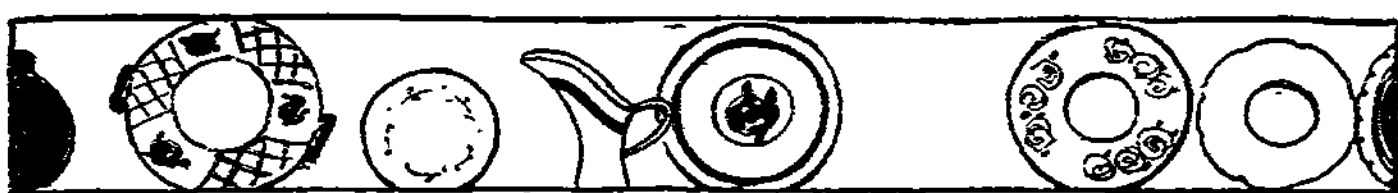
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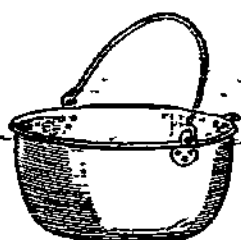
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### SHOT WHILE SEATED IN WATCHBOX AT COAL MINE

While sitting in the watch box at the Pike Run mine on New Water street, Brownsville, Steve Yobucks, a Slav, 18 years of age was mysteriously shot through the left knee Tuesday evening. He was removed to the Brownsville General hospital, where an examination showed the bullet to have passed through the fleshy part of the knee. The shooting evidently was done by someone, who climbed up to the window and shot through the window at the young boy.

### EXAMINATION FOR FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTERSHIP

Announcement is being made that on Saturday, December 9, an examination will be held at the Charleroi postoffice to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Spicers, unless such vacancy is filled by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at the office was \$426 for the last fiscal year. The age limit is 21 years, with the exception that women of 18 years are entitled to take the test.

### PRICE OF THANKSGIVING TURKEYS TO BE HIGHER

Unless there is a drop in the present price of turkeys before Thanksgiving the festive bird will cause a decided increase in the cost of the holiday dinner. Few turkeys are reaching the Pittsburgh district, as the shippers are said to be holding them for the Thanksgiving trade. Wholesale and commission merchants are quoting live turkeys at 25 to 26 cents a pound and dressed turkeys at 4 to 5 cents a pound in excess of those prices.

### ASTOUNDING REPORT FOR CHARLEROI

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### Boiled Down.

Editor—How's the new society reporter? I told him to condense as much as possible.  
Assistant—He did. Here's his account of yesterday's afternoon tea:  
"Mrs. Lovely poured. Mrs. Jabber roared. Mrs. Duller bored. Mrs. Rasper gored, and Mrs. Embonpoint anored."—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

### The First Atlas.

The first modern atlas was the work of Abraham Ortelius, a Dutch geographer, who died 518 years ago. His monumental treatise, entitled "Theatrum Orbis Terrarum," was first published at Antwerp in 1570 and was revised and reissued five times during the author's lifetime. It was a folio volume containing nearly a hundred maps, representing the different countries and continents as they were then known. Although this atlas was a momentous achievement, yet a bright schoolboy today could draw maps from memory with a better approximation to correctness. Even England and Scotland appear in this pioneer volume with amazing distortions of coast line and relative area, and many other maps in the volume bear only a slight resemblance to those of today.—New York World.

### An Ant That Spins.

The spinning ant is found in India, in Ceylon, in the islands of Malacca and in Australia. This ant weaves its nest between two leaves of a tree, preferably the mango. It begins to build or to weave by drawing two leaves together. To do this it runs a line of its working material—material similar to the spider's thread—the length of the leaf and around it. While at work it clings to the leaf with its nails and at the same time draws on the leaf nearest to it with its mandibles. Sometimes the two leaves suitable for nest building are too far apart; then the builder calls in its fellow ants, and they help to form a chain. Each ant clings to the waist of its neighbor by its mandibles. Thus enchain, they work to build the nest of their comrade.

### That Indefinite Article.

The rule dealing with the indefinite article preceding words commencing with "u" (when pronounced "yu") does not appear to be an adamant one. Like Macaulay, with his fondness for "an" university, many of our best writers and speakers prefer to ignore the rule and back their fancy in the little question of euphony. As for a man in the street, the matter has long been settled in favor of "a" in cases where the initial "u" has a "yu" sound. Partly no doubt because such phrases as "an united people" do not come trippingly off the tongue and have an old-fashioned, pedantic flavor. And there are sensitive ears that will prefer "a unique" to the more studied "an unique."—London Chronicle.

## PERCENTAGE DROPS

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### CHECK ARTIST MISSING AFTER PASSING CHECK AT MONONGAHELA

T. C. Arthur, who has posed as an insurance agent in Monongahela for some days, is missing after passing a check drawn on a New York bank which does not exist, upon a Monongahela firm in return for some goods purchased. He is said to have played a similar trick on other merchants of the river valley.

### MRS CLARK ENTERTAINS COMMITTEE OF AID SOCIETY

Members of the Fancy work committee of the First Presbyterian church were entertained by Mrs. W. C. Clark at her home on Meadow avenue Tuesday evening. Fancy work was the diversion of the evening. Lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held Thursday Nov. 23 at the home of Mrs. George Woodhall on Washington avenue.

### PERSONALS

Miss Jean Calvert of Fallowfield avenue is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Compton of Ben Avon. Mrs. John Walker and daughter Frances May of West Middlesex have gone to Woodlawn to visit with relatives after visiting with Mrs. H. E. Price of McKean avenue.

C. R. Newcomer was a business caller at Uniontown Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Teagarden of Charleroi were in Greensburg Wednesday to attend the wedding at high noon of Mrs. Elizabeth Coatsworth and John H. Stacher, both of Monongahela.

Mrs. George Clarke of Tarentum arrived Wednesday for a visit with her granddaughter, Mrs. Floyd Chalfant of Meadow avenue.

Mrs. Samuel Wiggins of Tarentum is here to visit at the home of her brother, Prof. S. R. Grimm of Meadow avenue.

### \* \* \* \* \* NORTH CHARLEROI \* \* \*

Miss Katherine Dreyer of Fayette City visited her sister, Mrs. Everett Harris this week.

Mrs. Thomas Cocain and Mrs. S. E. Bosworth were callers in Monongahela Wednesday.

Mrs. John Myers is spending a few days in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gaskill were callers in Fayette City Monday evening.

Robert Hill is in Rice's Landing on a hunting trip.

Little Ruth Foulks who has been confined to her home is convalescing. Joseph Sutherland was a caller in Monessen Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Everett Harris attended the funeral of Raymond Stewart of Fayette City Wednesday.

Miss Osie Garret of Tunnelton, W. Va., is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Chew attended a birthday party held in honor of John Beall, Sr., at Finleyville Tuesday evening. The affair was in honor of Mr. Beall's 85th birthday.

Mrs. H. Armstrong of Washington, visited at the home of Mrs. G.H. Watson.

Mrs. Elmore Houston is spending the day in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Harry Booth is confined to her home on Center avenue.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF M. E. CHURCH ENTERTAINS

Members of the losing side of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Methodist Episcopal church entertained at the home of Mrs. T. L. Pollock on Fifth street Wednesday afternoon. Miss Knox of Pittsburg was the speaker of the afternoon and talked on "Current Events in Missionary Work." A piano solo was played by Miss Bertha Heimes. Miss Mary Glunt sang and a violin selection was rendered by Miss Gwen Treasure. About fifty members of the society were present. Favors were yellow chrysanthemums. Mrs. F. A. Richards of Pittsburg and Mrs. W. G. Mead of Wilkensburg, formerly members of the local society were present.

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FOR SALE—One Circassian Walnut dresser and chiffonier. Good as new. Leave address at 816 Mail office. 129-t2p

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## Fighting a Railroad

By M. QUAD

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When the surveyors for the B. and B. railroad reached within a mile of the town of Scoville they were stopped by the owner of a farm, who threatened them with an action for trespass if they set foot on his land.

It was old Ransome who had lived on that farm since he was born and was now over sixty years old. Boy and man, he had been known as stingy and mean, and no one had ever dealt with him a second time. His wife was about like him in her disagreeable way. The two seldom or never disagreed with each other, but they disagreed with everybody else.

The town of Scoville wanted that railroad and wanted it built at once, but there was old John blocking the way and his old wife backing him up. "I must cross his eighty acre farm to reach the town. The surveyors argued and coaxed, but it was of no use.

The railroad finally guarded its surveyors and the line was run, but that was only the beginning of the fight. It collected its forces and began the grading. Old John was out there with his gun and his wife was there with a club, but the lusty men laughed at them and carried them off the scene, and in a few weeks there was the hooting and tooting that the old couple dreaded to hear. They would not sell, and the railroad waited for them to propose some sort of settlement.

There was a highway about a quarter of a mile to the south of the Ransome farm, and the new railroad crossed it at a level. The soft earth was soon gullied out by the wheels of the wagons, and thus left the tracks three or four inches above the surface. When old John observed this he yoked up his oxen and hitched them to his wagon and went after a load of wood. When he returned with it to the crossing he stuck there. The oxen could not pull the wagon across the rails. The old man sat down to patiently wait for a train to come along. One appeared in sight in about an hour and found its progress blocked. It took all the train hands and some of the passengers to boot to get that wagon across the track. There was fuming and threatening, but old John was very quiet and calm. He repeated this performance once a day for a week. Then the railroad put down planks and the scheme was defeated.

"Well, we'll have to try some other trick," said the old folks to each other. And as a result of their planning they went out at night with a big pail of soft soap and smeared the rails for a distance of thirty rods. The next train that came that way did not whizz past; it stood still and whizzed, and it took the best part of an hour and a barrel of sand to make the wheels go round again and have a grip on the rails.

Old John was arrested for this soapy trick, but they could prove nothing against him, and he was discharged from custody. After this a new attempt was made to bring about a settlement, but it was doomed to failure from the start. Then came another adventure. Old John cut the grass in his meadow, and while drawing it to the barn to store away he drove across the track at a point on his own farm and a wheel somehow came off the wagon and dumped hay and vehicle in a grand heap. There was just time to get the oxen out of the way when a locomotive of a freight train plunged into the mess. Hay and splinters flew over half the county, and the whole train was derailed at a cost of many thousand dollars to the company.

There were two lawsuits begun immediately one by the company to make the old man pay damages and one by Old John to collect the worth of a wagon and a ton of hay. The railroad folks could not show any scheme on his part and was the loser in its suit. A jury also held that an engineer who would slam bang into a load of hay in broad daylight should be held responsible, and Old John got about three times the value of the property destroyed.

By and by when the pumpkin season had come old Mr. Ransome kindly permitted a passenger train to run into a wagonload of them—that is, his oxen stopped to rest when the wagon was halfway over the track. He was heard shouting at them at the top of his voice and seen to flourish his gad in an excited manner, but he was forced to escape to save his own life. Pieces of those pumpkins were picked up miles away, and a week after the wagon was wrecked again, and one of the oxen was converted into fresh beef. Here was groundwork for another lawsuit, and the jury decided that any railroad that would strive to lessen the pumpkin crop ought to pay for it right smartly.

It is very probable that the old couple might have returned to the soft soap trick if they had been given more time, but fate willed it otherwise. They were coming home from a call on a neighboring farm, and it was a gusty, rainy night. As they approached the crossing they saw the light of a locomotive approaching, but defiantly kept on their way and were struck and hurled into a field and both instantly killed. No one in Scoville was mean enough to say they were glad of it, but the B. and B. railroad saw 'ts chance and moved quickly. Before it could be sued by the heirs it went into court against itself and was legally permitted to settle the claim for \$5,000. They say that the ghosts of old Ransome and his wife haunt the farm.



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Pittsburgh and Philadelphia



## To The Merchant

Do you realize that the patrons of your house have only a month in which to complete their lists of goods they must buy for Xmas. As an aid to these patrons and to yourself you should get in line immediately as some of the other merchants have already done and start your Christmas Advertising.

## OUR GENUINE OFFER

\$1.50 Glasses—Five Days Only

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Nov. 14 Nov. 15, Nov. 16 Nov. 17 Nov. 18

In order to advertise our new optical offices we offer to make you a fine pair of glasses, including our Scientific Eye examination. First Quality Crystal lenses, a guaranteed gold filled frame or nosepieces, made to order and perfectly fitted by our expert Frame Fitter; also an elegant case all for \$1.50.

DON'T GIVE IT UP—No matter how skeptical you are, or how many times you have failed to receive correct glasses, or who has given up your case, or the price you have paid—come to us. The reason we have fitted hundreds of cases where all others failed is—we examine eyes and fit glasses.

By Simply Looking into the Eyes, taking the exact scientific measurements of the shape and focus of the eyes. Without the use of drops of medicine, without test cards or charts, without asking a question. We do the examining and we do the fitting, not from what you tell us, but from the exact condition of your eyes.

DON'T SUFFER with Poor Sight, Blurry Vision, Watery Eyes, Cross Eyes, Headaches, Brainiac, Nervous Debility, Fausse, Dizziness, Insomnia and other troubles often caused by the eyestrain. Absolutely FREE of Charge or Obligation to purchase Glasses we will examine your eyes, and if glasses are needed, we will frankly and truthfully tell you so and we can fit you to glasses which will relieve and correct your trouble.

AN APPEAL TO REASON—Others who claim to examine eyes and fit glasses all use practically the same methods. You are sometimes subjected to drops or you read letters or describe lines. You have a great many glasses tried on your eyes, you do a lot of guessing, then confused and tired, with your eyes all out of shape, you try to select the glasses you think correct. Think this over and you can readily see you have been doing your own examining and this, no doubt, is the reason you have failed to receive proper glasses. By our Scientific Method we examine the eyes and fit glasses with perfect accuracy.

DAY OR NIGHT and for the benefit of working-men, business men and women our office hours are extended from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m., Friday and Saturday, November 17th and 18th

Office Hours 10 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Except Friday and Saturday Evening

KING OPTICAL CO.

Majestic Theatre Blocks

CHARLEROI, PA.

Up Stairs